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WEEK

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1. SUMMARY. IN ITS LAST WEEK ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE TWO  
MAIN POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS ON ITS AGENDA: HEALTH OF  
ARAB POPULATIONS IN ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND  
AID TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND EMERGING STATES IN AFRICA.  
US MADE STRONG STATEMENTS IN BOTH CASES. ASSEMBLY ALSO  
ENDORSED SAUDI RESOLUTION ON HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING.  
AMONG THE MANY HEALTH ISSUES DEALT WITH, PARTICULARLY  
SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED ON PHARMACEUTICAL  
DRUGS, EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION, AND PRIMARY  
HEALTH CARE. END SUMMARY.

2. ARAB-ISRAELI ITEM FINALLY SURFACED IN COMMITTEE B  
ON MAY 22 (SEPTELS). AFTE FOUR HOURS OF RELATIVELY  
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UNIMPASSIONED DEBATE, RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY ARABS AND  
MANY AFRICANS WAS ADOPTED, 63-21(US)-12. NEXT DAY THE  
ASSEMBLY ADOPTED SAME RESOLUTION, 71-22(US)-22. VOTES  
IN BOTH BODIES WERE SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S. THE US  
INTERVENTION WAS MADE BY AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL,  
RATHER THAN BY CHIEF DELEGATE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.  
3. THE ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON WHO

ASSISTANCE TO EMERGING AND NEWLY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES (SEPTELS) THAT WAS MORE CONDEMNATORY OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA THAN THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS, AND THAT URGED MORE STRONGLY THAN EARLIER RESOLUTIONS THAT WHO AND MEMBER STATES PROVIDE HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. BECAUSE OF SOME OF LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION, USDEL MADE INTERVENTION ONCE AGAIN DEPLORING TENDENCY TOWARD USING ASSEMBLY AS POLITICAL FORUM.

4. SAUDI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING (SEPTEL) RALLIED WARM SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE A WHERE IT WAS STRENGTHENED AND ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. NO DELEGATION SPOKE AGAINST IT. USDEL SUPPORTED RESOLUTION BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT WENT BEYOND THE LIMITS OF PRESENT POLICY OF USG, AND EVEN OF US CONSTITUTION. CONSEQUENTLY USDEL SUPPORT WAS NOT TO BE TAKEN TO IMPLY THAT RAPID CHANGES IN CURRENT US POLICIES WOULD NOW OCCUR. INTERVENTIONS OF OTHER DELEGATES, SOME CITING SECRETARY CALIFANO'S POSITION AGAINST SMOKING, AND SOME ALLUDING TO US ACTIVITIES IN PROMOTING SALES OF TOBACCO ABROAD, MADE IT APPEAR VERY DESIRABLE THAT US DELEGATIONS TO FUTURE ASSEMBLIES HAVE A US POSITION ON THIS ISSUE THAT CAN BE DEFENDED ON ETHICAL GROUNDS.

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5. ASSEMBLY PASSED RESOLUTION ON DRUG POLICY (ITEM 2.6.1) THAT TAKES CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM OF HELPING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OBTAIN MAXIMUM HEALTH BENEFIT FOR THEIR DRUG DOLLAR. DESPITE HIGH EMOTIONS THAT ISSUE SOMETIMES STIRS UP, ASSEMBLY CONFINED ITSELF TO IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVING ACCESS AND REDUCING COSTS, IN COOPERATION WITH PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. ONE RESULT WAS DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT DURING ASSEMBLY THAT A CONSORTIUM OF SWISS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES HAS DECIDED TO OFFER TO MAKE A NUMBER OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS AVAILABLE TO SOME OF POOREST MEMBER COUNTRIES AT COST.

6. WHO'S EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION (ITEM 2.6.10) RECEIVED PROLONGED AND LIVELY DISCUSSION. NOBODY WAS OPPOSED TO GOAL OF IMMUNIZING ALL OF WORLD'S CHILDREN AGAINST FIVE OF THE MAJOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES BY 1990, AND DELEGATIONS EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON PROGRESS MADE AND PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME. IN LINE WITH SECRETARY CALIFANO'S EARLIER ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY, USDEL EXPLORED WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.

7. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC) CONCEPT HAS CLEARLY BECOME CENTERPIECE OF WHO'S EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ITS AMBITIOUS GOAL OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL BY YEAR 2000. IT WAS NOT ON ASSEMBLY AGENDA BECAUSE SPECIAL WHO SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON SUBJECT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SEPTEMBER IN USSR, BUT IN ASSEMBLY DISCUSSIONS THE PHC CONCEPT - CALLING FOR A COMMUNITY-BASED FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS SUCH AS IMMUNIZATION AND NUTRITION WILL FIT - WAS A MAJOR THEME OF THE

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DISCUSSION IN THE ASSEMBLY. THE REFINING AND IMPLEMENTING OF THE IDEA OF PHC WILL CLEARLY BE WHO'S LEADING CHALLENGE OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

8. BY CLOSING ON MAY 24, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIGHTER SCHEDULE LAID DOWN LAST JANUARY BY ITS EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE ASSEMBLY LOPPED TWO DAYS FROM ITS NORMAL DURATION. THIS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE SELF-CONGRATULATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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